

Town of Raymond
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

SELECTMEN ATTENDANCE: Mark Gendron, Chairman; Mike Reynolds; Joe Bruno; Lonnie Taylor; and Dana Desjardins

SELECTMEN ABSENT: None

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Don Willard, Town Manager.

OTHERS: None.

1)Call to order. Mark Gendron called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm at the Broadcast Studio.

2)Minutes of previous meeting dated May 20, 2008

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

3)New business.

a)Presentation of certificate to Trooper Lucas Hare – Chairman Mark Gendron

DISCUSSION: Trooper Lucas Hare Maine State Police Trooper of the Year was awarded a Certificate of Community Appreciation by Chairman Gendron. Trooper Hare said that he would be happy to help with situations in the town whether on or off duty.

b)Consideration of Supplemental Assessment for Tree Growth Penalty – Contract Assessor Michael O'Donnell

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard noted that this supplemental was to take Map 10, Lot 11 out of tree growth.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

DISCUSSION: Mr. Desjardins noted that this money would go directly to the Open Space Conservation Fund. He asked about the current balance of their fund. Mr. Willard said that he would ask Finance Director Nancy Yates.

c) Bulky waste program discussion – Selectman Joe Bruno

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno asked the Selectmen to consider a pay-as-you-go program rather than keep the current program. He would like to use the \$50,000 in the budget toward roads rather than bulky waste. He felt that it would be preferable to use that money and possibly an increase for roads since people have the option of taking their bulky waste to any recycling depot they choose and pay at the gate. Mr. Gendron noted that the curbside program won't change. Mr. Willard acknowledged that since we've lowered the budget amount for bulky waste, the usage has reduced over the last four years to even less than our budgeted amount. Mr. Bruno asked if the LRBWF would continue to allow us to pay at the gate. Mr. Willard wasn't sure what their reaction would be if we don't guarantee some amount of funding. Mrs. Lester said that they would take any bulky waste at the commercial rate of \$.10/lb and \$.05/lb for brush and round wood. Mr. Bruno would like to discuss this further for the 2009-2010 budget. He had great concern for the condition of our roads. Mr. Reynolds concurred with putting the money into the roads. Mr. Desjardins agreed. Mr. Reynolds noted that there should be some funding in Public Works to pick up refuse left where it doesn't belong.

c) School consolidation information update – Selectman Joe Bruno

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno said there would be a meeting Thursday night in Windham and the following Thursday in either Windham or Raymond. He added that negotiations with Windham about consolidation would progress in earnest after that. He added that the Raymond School Board would be voting tomorrow night about school choice. He didn't feel that if we continue with choice that Windham would move away from consolidation with Raymond. He felt that the majority of Raymond's students would continue with Windham. Public hearings will begin in late June about consolidation. Mr. Gendron said that School Board Chairman Teresa Sadak informed him that tomorrow night Windham would be talking about their new contracts for school administrators which he will attend. He felt that this was a new school district and the combined towns should be discussing the administrative positions and not just Windham. Mr. Bruno agreed that contracts should be dealt with after consolidation. However, they felt that the current employees will continue with their respective schools.

4) Old (unfinished) business.

a) None

5) Town Manager Report and Communications.

a) Single stream recycling update

Mr. Willard noted that he has discussed with the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility to locate Pine Tree's single stream dumpsters for our recycling. However, this wasn't going to work because they are members of EcoMaine and wouldn't feel comfortable working with a competitor of EcoMaine's. Lewiston Recycling might be a way to go, but he's still working with Pine Tree to accomplish that which might require a contract change. Mr. Gendron felt that there was an ecological responsibility and wanted to actively pursue single stream recycling. They wanted to revisit this issue in the future when there is more information.

b) Discussion of litter along Raymond roadways

Norma Richard wrote referring to the trash on our roadsides. She suggested a trash pickup week in Raymond. There was discussion about how to publicize this event: town signboards, posters, and notices by Pine Tree curbside. The Selectmen declared the Roadside Litter Pickup the last week in June. The Town Office can provide bags. This is not for bulky waste pickup.

c) Quit Claim deed for signature
Map 75, Lot 5 & 6

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve and sign the Quit Claim Deed.
Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

NOTE: Mr. Gendron acknowledged a note from Mrs. Janet Crockett thanking the Selectmen for their sympathy card for her husband Bob.

NOTICE: There will be only one meeting in June and July with the warrants produced and signed at will on the alternate regular Selectmen meeting dates.

6) Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – June 3, 2008.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$56,161.95. Seconded by Joe Bruno.
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$98,248.48. Seconded by Joe Bruno.
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

NOTE: Mr. Willard asked if the letter to Cumberland County would be all right for Mark Gendron and Rolf Olsen to sign for the Selectmen. Yes.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Desjardins said that he was against the County giving bonuses to their employees for recruiting new employees.

7) Adjournment.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Gendron adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk